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SUBJ: PLO REQUEST TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE

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(B) USUN 3916

1. ISSUE WAS NOT RAISED AT MORNING PLENARY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 24. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON PLO REQUEST TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE ARE CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER REPORTING THAT QUESTION COULD ARISE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL HAD INFORMED US THAT WHILE GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE HAS TOLD OTHERS (INCLUDING AMBASSADOR BENNETT LAST EVENING) THAT HE WOULD RULE FROM THE CHAIR AGAINST THE PLO'S SPEAKING IN GENERAL DEBATE, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS PUTTING THE ISSUE TO THE PLENARY FOR DECISION SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT. IT IS NOT AN EASY DECISION FOR AMERASINGHE AND SRI LANKA'S IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS A FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED. MOREOVER PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND AMERASINGHE MIGHT HESITATE TO TAKE DECISION THAT COULD EMBARRASS HER WITH ARAB GROUP AND OTHERS.

3. NEW REPORT CIRCULATING IN THE UN CORRIDORS IS TO THE EFFECT THAT AMERASINGHE IS SEEKING A COMPROMISE
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FORMULA AND HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION A PROPOSAL WHEREBY

THE PLO WOULD BE DENIED ITS REQUEST TO SPEAK IN THE GENERAL DEBATE BUT WOULD INSTEAD BE ACCORDED THE RIGHT OF REPLY. EC-9 DELEGATIONS HAVE TOLD US THIS PROPOSAL IN THEIR VIEW DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GENUINE COMPROMISE, SINCE THE PLO COULD EXERCISE A RIGHT OF REPLY IN THE SAME MANNER AS A RIGHT TO SPEAK, AND THE PRACTICE OF RESTRICTING PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL DEBATE TO MEMBER STATES WOULD STILL BE VIOLATED. BRITISH MISOFF TOLD US IN LATER CONVERSATION THAT EC-9 IS SEEKING COMMON POSITIONS ON SEVERAL CONTINGENCIES: (A) RULING THAT PLO NOT BE GRANTED RIGHT TO SPEAK; (B) VOTE ON (ARAB) CHALLENGE TO SUCH RULING; (C) RULING THAT PLO NOT BE GRANTED RIGHT TO MAKE REGULAR GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BUT BE GRANTED RIGHT OF REPLY; (D) VOTE ON CHALLENGE TO SUCH RULING EITHER BY ARABS (AS NOT ENOUGH) OR BY ISRAEL/US (AS TOO MUCH).

4. EC-9 DECIDED PRELIMINARILY THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT RULING FROM THE CHAIR TO DENY PLO REQUEST (A ABOVE) BUT IF A VOTE WERE CALLED FOR ON PLO REQUEST, THEY WOULD ABSTAIN (B ABOVE). DANISH MISOFF SAID EC-9 WERE DIVIDED INITIALLY ON THIS SINCE FRG, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, AND UK HAD EARLY INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST PLO REQUEST, BUT HAD AGREED TO ADOPT UNIFIED STAND TO ABSTAIN, DANISH MISOFF SPECULATED THAT PLO MAY BE WAITING TO RAISE ISSUE FROM FLOOR AFTER GENERAL DEBATE BEGINS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT ON LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT AT BEGINNING OF GENERAL DEBATE.

5. NEWS ON AMERASINGHE'S MEETING SEPTEMBER 23 WITH PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER TERZI HAS BEEN LIMITED TO SECOND-HAND ACCOUNT THAT TERZI APPARENTLY TOOK POSITION THAT PLO HAD NOT ANTICIPATED THAT ITS REQUEST WOULD CAUSE PROBLEM AND HENCE PLO WAS SURPRISED THAT REQUEST WAS PROMOTING SUCH A STIR.
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